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1. The following Red Army units were stationed in Brandenburg/Havel (2-23) during September 1947:

Flak Kaserne, Magdeburger Strasse:

- AA unit equipped with thirty-two 85 mm. AA guns and forty-eight half-tracks which are used for towing the guns on maneuvers.
- Twelve rocket launchers, each with forty-eight 85-90 mm. firing rails. Each weapon is mounted on a 3½-ton three-axled Russian Ford. Training and instruction on these pieces is continually taking place within the barracks, and firing practice is held on the Altengrabow Training Field once a week. The equipment is covered while being driven through the town, and the crew are carried on the trucks.
- AA Artillery School. Courses at present last four months. The trainees are officer cadets; they are no longer promoted upon the termination of their courses as was previously the case, but are returned to the USSR. Some candidates deserted upon the termination of the course which ended in September 1947.

Artillerie Kaserne, Magdeburger Strasse:

Medium howitzer battery equipped with twelve 122 mm. tractor-drawn howitzers with box trails.

Kürassier Kaserne, Magdeburger Strasse:

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Motorized infantry regiment.

Infanterie Kaserne, Magdeburger Strasse:

Destroyed.

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Partly dismantled, but repairing tanks.

Excelsior Cycle Works, Wilhelmadorfer Strasse.

Equipment is dismantled, but the buildings are being used by German labor under Russian direction to clean, repair, test, and grease Wehrmacht rifles. The rifles are then packed in cases of twenty-five. From 100,000 to 120,000 rifles have so far been packed at this factory.

Opel Works, Gordener Strasse:

Largely destroyed, the remaining installations having been dismantled. In the grounds of the factory a large wooden building has been erected for the housing of Wehrmacht artillery pieces of all calibers. Fifty 105 mm. guns have been counted in this building, and there are others of smaller caliber. Two buildings of the Opel Works are used to shelter personnel engaged in repairing and checking this equipment. German women are employed to clean and grease the guns. All this work is carried out under Russian direction.

Gorden Lunatic Asylum:

Soviet transit camp.

2. A company of two hundred Russian infantrymen was stationed in Stralsund (P-44) late in October 1947. The troops were engaged in normal guard duties and also guarded foreign ships which were loading and unloading in the harbor. An MVD unit of six officers and twenty EM was also located in Stralsund. The town commandant is one Colonel Smirgin.

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